## CLAIMS

A descrative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 3.0 µm.

- 2. A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the talc has a specific surface area of more than approximately  $30,000~\text{m}^2/\text{kg}$ .
- 3. A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the talc content is 0.1 to 25 wt%, based on the total pigment content.
- A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the paper contains cationically modified cellulose fibers.
- 5. A decorative base paper according to claim 4, wherein the cellulose fibers are modified with quaternary ammonium compounds with glycidyl function.
- decorative paper or decorative sheet containing a decorative base paper, said base paper comprises a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, and the talc has a partisle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 3.0 µm.